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of the hon. Member, the expenditure will be increased and the purpose of appointing the special officer will not be served.''

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—'' May I submit that it is just possible, Sir, that expenditure may not increase at all but on the other hand, there will be a contented staff? As the special officer was not asked to enquire into this aspect of the matter, will the Government consider it now so that there may be a contented staff without extra cost? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' I do not think that without additional expenditure, you can create greater contentment among the part-time and full-time servants of the Government. I think necessarily, it means increased expenditure. Otherwise, I suppose, we will not be able to give any contentment to those people.''

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—'' In regard to staff paid out of contingencies who have put in long and meritorious service, may I ask, Sir, whether they will be compensated in case they are retrenched on account of the present proposals? ''

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—'' The matter may be considered separately.''

Re-training of L.T. teachers in Basic Education.

* 35 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided that all L.T. teachers should be re-trained in Basic Education;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the purpose of re-training is and whether it is proposed to be confined to L.T. teachers employed in training schools only;

(*c*) what the period of re-training and the arrangements made for the same are;

(*d*) what arrangements, if any, will be made for normal work during the absence of teachers for re-training;

(*e*) whether this re-training is insisted upon in respect of all training schools—Government and aided; and

(*f*) whether any syllabus for re-training has been framed and if so, what the syllabus is?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—'' (*a*) No. It is proposed to re-train annually a limited number of L.T. teachers in Government service and in training schools under private management.

'' (*b*) Re-training in Basic Education is given with a view to provide the personnel necessary for manning the Government Basic Training Schools and for the inspection of Basic schools. Re-training will not be confined to L.T. teachers

employed in training schools. Deputy Inspectors and teachers employed in other Government institutions are also selected for re-training. With a view to enable private managements to convert their schools into basic training schools, L.T. teachers for training schools under private managements are also selected for re-training in Basic Education.

"(c) The period of re-training is five months. For that, courses have been arranged in the Basic Training schools at Perianaickenpalayam and Pentapadu. A few Government Officers are deputed to Sevagram also.

"(d) During the absence of teachers for re-training, the normal work will be carried on by the substitutes appointed in their places.

"(e) For the present, the selection of candidates for re-training in Basic Education is restricted to those who are willing to undergo the course.

"(f) Yes. A copy [a] of the syllabus is placed on the table of the House."

11-15 a.m. Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, have the Government examined, whether, if Basic Education is to be a success, the craft process they have instituted for re-training these L.Ts. and other teachers, should not be confined to one craft, but there should be as many crafts as possible, for it is mentioned in item 11 of the syllabus that training is to be given only in cleaning, ginning, carding and slivering and spinning?"

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, for the time being we have taken all the aspects of spinning cotton only. We propose to introduce agriculture and other handicrafts and a little bit of engineering also."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Sir, have Government's attention been drawn to the view expressed by Dr. C. R. Reddi on Basic Education and the sub-leader of the *Madras Mail* in yesterday's issue of that paper?"

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Apart from the view of Dr. C. R. Reddi reported in the *Madras Mail* of yesterday's date, I had the privilege of discussing this with him, and with great respect to him, I differ from him in his view on this matter."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I inquire, Sir, whether Government consulted other educationists regarding the objective of Basic Education and whether the Government are convinced that the objective of Basic Education as envisaged by the Central Government is in consonance with that of this Government?"

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is a Central Advisory Board of Education which contains almost all the eminent educationists in India and they have indicated their view in the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is not Dr. C. R. Reddi a member of that Central Advisory Board of Education; and is not the view expressed by that Board in their report different from that of this Government? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No, Sir. I am not sure whether Dr. C. R. Reddi is a member of that Board. Whatever it may be, this Government do not agree with him on this question."

Judgment on the Habeas Corpus *application filed by Srimathi Manikonda Suryavathi.*

* 36 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether the Government have perused the judgment of the High Court in the *Habeas Corpus* application filed by Srimathi Manikonda Suryavathi and what action has been taken to rectify the defects in enquiry, disposal of representations, etc., to which pointed attention has been drawn, especially on the inordinate delay on the part of the District Magistrate in sending replies to references?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" The Government have perused the judgment of the High Court in the *Habeas Corpus* application filed by Srimathi Manikonda Suryavathi. Suitable instructions have been issued by Government to the authorities concerned regarding the avoiding of delays, etc., in respect of cases relating to persons detained under the Madras Maintenance of Public Order Act, 1947."

Adequacy of the staff of nurses, etc., in the City hospitals.

* 37 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the hospitals in the City have adequate staff of nurses, male nurses, thoties and other staff; and

(b) whether the Government are aware of the shortage of accommodation and consequent overcrowding in all the hospitals in the City and, if so, what steps the Government are taking to meet the same?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a) The strength of the nursing staff is adequate. The staff of compounders, nursing orderlies, cooks and thoties are sanctioned according to standard scales fixed with reference to the bed strength and whenever there is any increase in the bed strength, the Surgeon-General applies for sanction for the required additional staff.